

# UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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January 23, 2021

**Greetings & Announcements** – Dianne Eiker

**Sounding of the Singing Bowl**

**Prelude** – Paul Benya  
*You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.*

**Welcoming Words**

\***Hymn #189** *Light of Ages and of Nations*

\***Lighting of the Chalice**

This is our sacred promise:  
To gather together in peace  
To seek truth in love  
To serve human need  
So that all shall grow in harmony with the divine.

**Sharing from the Heart** (*Joys and Concerns*)

**Prayer #123** *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me;  
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion,  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close, wings set me free.  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

\***Hymn #122** *Sound Over All Waters*

**A Ritual for Reproductive Freedom**

(adapted from Julie Hamilton)

\*Congregational Response:  
*May the beginnings and endings in our stories be  
held in unconditional love and acceptance.*

**Message** *This is for the Choosers*

– Rev. Lori Whittemore

**The Work of This Church – Offertory** – Paul Benya

**Share the Plate** – Preble Street Resource Center

*While under Covid restrictions your financial gifts will  
gratefully be accepted in the offering plates as you leave  
the Sanctuary.*

\***Song of Gratitude and Celebration**

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let faith and hope and love arise.  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Amen.

\* **Hymn #111** *Life of Ages*

**Extinguish the Chalice**

As we release this flame  
From its faithful service today  
We allow the spark in each of us to burn on;  
To warm our compassion,  
To fire our delight  
To light our paths,  
Today, tomorrow and always.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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\***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

**Thanks for making our worship possible:**

Usher –

Flowers –

***Hearing assistance devices and large-print  
hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.***

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Tree of Hope**

The Board of Trustees plans to decorate the Tree of Hope with your gifts through the cold Maine winter. Donations continue to be welcomed in the basket in the hall by the sanctuary door.

#### **Covid-19 Guidelines**

Masks must be worn inside

Softly singing with masks on

Masks off when speaking in pulpit area

Sit in appropriately marked pews - social distance unless in same household

Hand sanitizer stations

No coffee hour - feel free to socialize outdoors

#### **Ushers & Flowers**

We need Ushers and flower donations every Sunday. Please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms. Thanks.

#### **Hannaford Gift Cards**

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Nursery on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.

***Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office ([uuchurch@gwi.net](mailto:uuchurch@gwi.net)) by 10 AM the Wednesday prior to the Sunday they are to appear. Announcements will not be carried over to the next week unless you notify us no later than Wednesday. Thanks.***

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:**

#### **This is for the Choosers**

#### **Rev. Lori Whittemore**

Rev. Lori Whittemore (Rev. Lori) serves as a contract minister for the Unitarian Universality Church of Saco/Biddeford. She holds a Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminar and is ordained by Chaplaincy Institute of Maine (Chime). She is a Board-Certified Clinical Chaplain and Diplomate Supervisor certified by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. She is currently completing work for her doctorate in ministry from the George Fox University's Portland Seminary focusing on semiotics, church and culture. She is delighted to be with you.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – January 30**

#### **Spiritual Practice Makes Perfect Sense**

#### **Rev. Myra Robinson**

Reverend Myra Robinson was ordained in 2016 at the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine (ChIME) where she currently works as Faculty Advisor and Community Programs Coordinator. She offers clergy services throughout Southern Maine, including her signature Affirmantra Workshops. She has been a member of the UU/CSB congregation for over 30 years; serving the community through hospice work, respite care-giving and mentoring incarcerated women. Myra is a musician, a poet, a singer/songwriter, officiant, teacher, and grandmother. She lives in Scarborough with her spouse and two naughty rescue cats.